

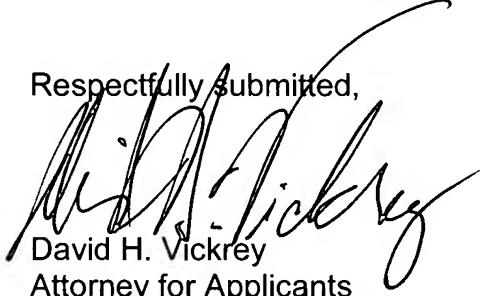
REMARKS

In the specification, a paragraph was added to claim priority to International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/051069, filed June 9, 2004, and European Patent Application No. 03101721.3, filed June 12, 2003.

Claims 6 and 12 were amended. In particular, the claims were amended to remove any multiple dependencies. All amendments are without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. New claims 13-20 were added. Support for the new claims is found at least in the claims as filed. Claims 1-20 are pending. Accordingly, no new matter has been entered by these amendments.

Early consideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

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